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Telford & Wrekin Council Community/Voluntary Controlled Schools Application Form Guidance Notes

Completing the Application Form

Please read these notes carefully and keep for future reference. They are designed to help you in completing your application form. We want to try to make sure that everyone applying for a job with this school and Telford & Wrekin Council has a fair chance. Completing an application form is the first stage in the recruitment process that may lead to an interview and the possible offer of a job.

- It is important that you complete all sections of the application form as clearly and fully as possible.
- Please ensure that you have given your name and address accurately so that we are able to contact you.
- We are interested in your experience and any skills or training, which shows that you meet the requirements of the job for which you are applying. Include non-work activities that are relevant.
- We do not ask for many personal details. This is because we do not take into account such things as gender, race and marital status.
- Please do not forget to sign the form
- If you attach additional sheets to your application form, make sure you put your name and the title and location of the post for which you are applying at the top of each page.
- We ask everyone to complete an application form so please do not send a C.V.

Remember we can only decide whom we should interview based on what is written on your application form.

Jobs Working With Children

The post for which you are applying will involve working with children. In order to ensure the safety of children, your application will be subject to rigorous pre-employment checks in line with Department for Education Statutory Guidance, Keeping Children Safe in Education.

Please read this information carefully, detach and keep these notes.

- The references you have offered will be taken up. We also reserve the right to contact any other previous employer for a reference.



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- We will also take into consideration relevant information received from any source. This may include information held by this authority, for example in Social Care or Education, and information received from other external authorities or bodies.
- You will be required to provide proof of any educational qualifications or memberships of professional bodies that are stated in your application form.
- You will be asked to submit original proof of identification, such as a birth certificate, National Insurance number, passport or driving licence. You will also be asked to submit all marriage certificates in cases where you have changed your name, and previous address details.
- You will have to complete a medical questionnaire and may be required to meet with our occupational health physician if required.

Criminal Record Checks

- This post is covered by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (2013 and 2020) and the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000. It is also covered by the Protection of Children Act 1999.
- A caution or conviction will not necessarily prevent you from applying for the post. There are, however, certain offences which will prevent you from working with children under the regulations made under the Children's Act, including Schedule 1 offences such as sexual and violent offences.
- You will be required to complete a self-declaration form in relation to any criminal convictions if you are shortlisted for the post and invited to interview. This must be submitted prior to the interview, failure to do so could result in the offer of an interview being withdrawn.
- At interview, or in a separate discussion, we will ensure that an open and measured discussion takes place on the subject of any offences or other matter that might be relevant to the position. Failure to reveal information that is directly relevant to the position sought could lead to withdrawal of an offer of employment.
- Prior to any offer of employment being made you will be required to complete a Disclosure Application Form. Once completed this disclosure form will be sent to the Disclosure and Barring Service. The DBS will search Police Force, Department of Health, and Department for Education & Skills records for relevant information. The DBS will inform you of the result of their search and issue you with a DBS certificate. They will also send a notification via the online DBS system to Telford & Wrekin Council and the school to confirm whether this check is clear or not. You will still be required to bring in your original certificate to the school for verification.



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- We undertake to discuss any matter revealed in a Disclosure with the person seeking the position before withdrawing a conditional offer of employment.

Online Checks

In line with the Statutory Guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education an online check will be undertaken for all shortlisted candidates prior to the interview.

Someone who is not on the interview panel will undertake this search and only share information obtained with the panel should this have implications around your suitability to work with children.

The panel may ask you specific questions about any information obtained via this online search if appropriate.

All information given/obtained will be treated as strictly confidential and will be stored securely.

For disclosure information and services please visit the DBS homepage on their web site www.homeoffice.gov.uk/dbs.

If you do take up employment it is necessary for you to inform the Headteacher of any cautions, bind overs or convictions you sustain during the subsequent course of your employment.

IMPORTANT

WE WILL REPORT ALL PERSONS TO THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES WHO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT WHILST THEY ARE BARRED FROM WORKING WITH WORKING WITH CHILDREN.

Privacy Notice under the Data Protection Act (General Data Protection Regulations from 26th May 2018)

Telford & Wrekin Council and the school is collecting Personal Identifiable Information to enable it to process your job application and to monitor against statutory requirements e.g. Equality Act 2010. This information is being processed under DPA – Schedule 2 (2a) (GDPR 2018 -Article 6 (1)b) and DPA – Schedule 2 (2a) (GDPR 2018 – Article 9 (2)b).

If you are successful and subsequently appointed this information will be used for the purpose of:



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- contractual obligations as an employer
- to keep you informed on matters relating to your employment
- detection and prevention of fraud and over payments from the public purse
- completion of statutory returns
- improving the management of its workforce data across the sector
- enabling development of a comprehensive picture of the workforce and how it is deployed
- informing the development of recruitment and retention policies
- allowing better financial modelling and planning
- enabling monitoring of protected characteristics to support compliance with the Equality Act 2010
- supporting the work of the School Teachers' Review Body, if you are a teacher

This information will be treated as confidential and will not be used when short-listing or deciding on whether an applicant is successful or unsuccessful in obtaining employment. If you are successful in obtaining employment with the School and the Council, the School and Council will retain this information for the period of your employment and following 6 years following the termination of your employment. If you are unsuccessful in obtaining employment your data will be retained for 6 months from the time of applying, once it reaches this retention end date it will be deleted/destroyed along with any other information gathered throughout the recruitment process.

Neither Telford & Wrekin Council nor the School will share any Personal Identifiable Information collected with external organisations unless required to do so by law. For further details on the council's privacy arrangements please view the privacy page on the council's website page

By signing and returning this application form you will be deemed to be giving your explicit consent to processing of data contained or referred to on it, including any information which may be considered to be sensitive personal data.

Equal Opportunity Monitoring

The school has adopted the Telford & Wrekin Council's Employment Equality Promise on the basis that the employment of staff at our school is also with Telford & Wrekin Council. Details of which are outlined below. Please read it carefully. So that we can measure the effectiveness of this charter, we need to collect information about our job applicants. It would help us greatly, therefore, if you would complete the Monitoring Form attached to the application form fully.

- When your application is received the Monitoring Form will be removed before the form goes to those involved in shortlisting for interviews.
- Those involved in shortlisting and interview will not know what information is on the Monitoring Form.



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Commitment to Equal Opportunities

Telford & Wrekin Council and its schools are committed to equality of opportunity in all aspects of their activities. We recognise that people suffer discrimination, disadvantage and exclusion, both in employment and in the delivery of services, for many reasons including:

- age
- disability
- gender
- gender re-assignment
- marriage or civil partnership
- pregnancy or maternity
- race
- religion or belief
- sexual orientation

We are committed to combating inequality and striving to ensure that all people in all parts of the community are treated fairly.

Telford & Wrekin's Councils Employment Equality Promise

Telford & Wrekin Council gives an undertaking that all of its employees, and those who apply for employment, will be treated with equal fairness, respect and dignity

The Council will therefore:-

- Publicise this commitment to all of its employees and within the community at large.
- Encourage job applications from all sections of the community.
- Ensure that its employees receive appropriate training so that they can both understand and actively promote equal opportunity policies.
- Ensure that the Council's existing and future personnel policies and conditions of service are applied fairly to all employees and are such that they can both promote equality of opportunity and seek to remove obstacles to its achievement.
- Guarantee an interview to applicants with disabilities who meet the essential requirements of the post, and do everything reasonably practicable to adapt jobs and premises to meet the needs of people with disabilities.
- Ensure that medical fitness requirements are determined having regard to the demands of particular posts, are applied fairly and consistently and do not unlawfully discriminate against those with particular medical conditions.



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- Measure the effectiveness of its policies by regular monitoring of both existing employees and of job applicants and the publication of an annual equal opportunity report.
- Ensure that any allegation of discrimination contrary to the provisions of this Charter is thoroughly investigated and that appropriate action is taken.

If you require any help or have any questions about the recruitment process, or you are unhappy about the way you are treated, or have any suggestions as to how we can do better, please contact the school directly.

Whatever the outcome of your application, thank you for the interest you have shown in working for Telford & Wrekin Council and this school.